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I. Introduction: culture and indigenous women: gender perspectives

1. Culture, loosely defined as shared values, beliefs, practices, in short as a "way of life", is intimately interwoven with the process of development and has thus become infused with power relations on a global scale. As anthropological critiques of the dominant development models have pointed out, public discussions about development are influenced by ethnocentrism and value systems of the consumer-based, free market societies, i.e., Western-based and male-oriented systems of knowledge are given predominance, while indigenous and traditional systems of knowledge are being devalued, ignored or seen as mere "obstacles to development". Knowledge systems of indigenous women, as the essence of their cultural expression and identity, are thus faced with the double bias of Western and male forms of ethnocentrism.

2. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues has examined the collective and individual proposals submitted by indigenous organizations, representatives of the United Nations system and Member States in order to follow up the recommendations contained in the report of the Forum on its second session, in particular those contained in 93, 103 and 105 of the report.

II. Recommendations to Member States

3. The Forum, noting that work will commence shortly on a convention of cultural diversity, requests Member States to work with representatives of indigenous peoples at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to develop a document that adequately protects indigenous cultural heritage and, when it is completed, to ratify and fully implement that declaration.



4. The Forum recommends that Member States adopt legislation acknowledging that the traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples is their inalienable cultural heritage and embodies their cultural identity and that they make available such legislation and information in local indigenous languages.
5. The Forum encourages Member States to facilitate the establishment of civil society organizations, including indigenous organizations, to assist in the preservation and protection of indigenous cultural heritage.
6. The Forum recommends that Governments hold sports and athletic games involving indigenous sports, such as Mayan pelota.
7. The Forum recommends that Member States ratify the Convention on Intangible Cultural Heritage and ensure that it is fully implemented.
8. The Forum recommends that Member States put in place policies and mechanisms to increase indigenous women's access to markets and capital in order to enable them to turn their traditional skills into sustainable forms of income generation.
9. The Forum recommends that Member States cooperate with indigenous women in putting in place social and legal mechanisms which protect indigenous women from the misuse of traditional practices (e.g., dowry and bride wealth) due to increasing modern consumerism, and from objectification through international "ethnic tourism".

III. Recommendations to the United Nations system

10. All United Nations systems organizations should recognize that indigenous cultures are intrinsically connected to indigenous peoples' traditional territories (lands, waters and natural resources).
11. Within the framework of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and its Action Plan, the Forum recommends that:
 - (a) All United Nations bodies and Governments establish appropriate monitoring mechanisms to document and take action against cultural ethnocide and its devastating effects on indigenous women;
 - (b) All United Nations bodies and Governments rethink the development paradigm and unequal relationship between Western influence and indigenous knowledge systems;
 - (c) All United Nations bodies and Governments initiate new ethnographic studies that re-evaluate stereotypical views on gender relationships within indigenous populations in order to challenge existing misconceptions by highlighting diverse community roles in which indigenous women wield real power and play leadership roles;
 - (d) Member States with indigenous populations develop multicultural public policies with a view to implementing the contents of the Declaration and strengthening, in an equitable manner, local cultures;

(e) UNESCO promote the recovery of underwater indigenous heritage, the oral tradition and ancient writings with a view to recognizing them as the heritage of humanity.

12. The Forum, noting that work will commence shortly on a convention of cultural diversity, requests UNESCO to invite it to participate in its deliberations.

13. Many United Nations system organizations, including United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, engage in activities that directly or indirectly affect indigenous territories and cultures. The Forum recommends:

(a) That the appropriate agencies, including those engaged in development activities, consider the protection of sacred species;

(b) UNESCO focus attention on the ratification of the Convention on Intangible Cultural Heritage and on its effective implementation at national levels;

(c) UNESCO explore the links between the protection of tangible cultural heritage, intangible cultural heritage and sacred sites and other related UNESCO instruments with a view to broadening, strengthening and streamlining the protection of (indigenous) cultural heritage;

(d) UNESCO facilitate the participation of both the Forum and indigenous peoples' representatives in all relevant meetings of interest to them;

(e) Noting that the current UNESCO endangered languages programme seeks only to record endangered (indigenous) languages, that UNESCO expand its endangered languages programme to record, revive and reintroduce indigenous languages, in cooperation with indigenous peoples. This should include projects that support training in and teaching of indigenous languages at the community level.

14. The Forum recommends that all relevant United Nations entities, especially UNDP, the World Bank and other development institutions, give full recognition to alternative and participatory approaches to development and to ensure their actual application in development programmes.

15. The Forum recommends that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and other United Nations human rights institutions, and Governments:

(a) Set up appropriate monitoring and advocacy mechanisms to document and take action against cultural annihilation and its adverse effects on indigenous women;

(b) Ensure the observance of the essential human right to cultural expression, with special emphasis on women's forms of expression.

16. The Forum recommends that UNESCO, other cultural institutions and academic institutions:

(a) Recognize and document the diversity of gender relations in indigenous communities based on active community input and participation;

(b) Examine and document women's spheres of power in indigenous societies, taking into account traditional mechanisms of gender definition and

distinction (e.g., pollution/purity, gender specific roles in ritual, gendered division of labour);

(c) Examine and document the instrumental role of women in indigenous societies as the custodians of sacred knowledge and power, and as medical specialists;

(d) Highlight and give recognition to women's instrumental roles in indigenous societies as educators, healers and ritual specialists;

(e) Highlight indigenous women's traditional skills, arts and crafts and publicize them through the media, cultural institutions etc.

17. The Forum recommends that the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO):

(a) Have women's systems of knowledge formally recognized and protected;

(b) Formally recognize and highlight the roles of indigenous women in transmitting their culture and specialized knowledge through the generations;

(c) In developing proposals for the protection of indigenous knowledge and intellectual property, ensure that indigenous knowledge holders and peoples are recognized as the appropriate authorities to determine whether such knowledge should be commercialized.

18. The Forum recommends that the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, UNESCO, WIPO, the World Trade Organization and other relevant United Nations system organizations, together with the Forum, organize a workshop to discuss the holistic protection of indigenous peoples' cultural heritage, prior to the fourth session of the Forum. The workshop should aim to establish a framework within which protection of indigenous peoples' cultural heritage can be discussed, possibly in the form of an international regime. The framework should invoke all relevant United Nations system organizations and have the Forum as its coordinator.



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Chapter I

Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Draft decisions recommended by the Forum for adoption by the Economic and Social Council

1. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[To be completed]

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

2. The Forum has identified the proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action set out below and, through the Council, recommends that States, United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations, indigenous peoples, the private sector and non-governmental organizations assist in their realization.

3. It is the understanding of the Secretariat that the proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action to be carried out by the United Nations as set out below will be implemented to the extent that resources from the regular budget and extrabudgetary resources are available.

[To be completed]



Chapter II

Introduction

1. The Forum held its first session at United Nations Headquarters from 13 to 24 May 2002 and submitted its report to the Council.¹
2. The Forum held its second session at United Nations Headquarters from 12 to 23 May 2003.²
3. By its decision 2003/304, the Council decided that the third session of the Forum would be held at United Nations Headquarters from 10 to 21 May 2004.

Chapter III

Theme of the session: "Indigenous women"

1. The Forum considered item 3 of its agenda in the form of a high-level panel at its 2nd to _____ meetings, on 10, 11 and 21 May 2004.
2. At its 2nd meeting, on 10 May, the Chairman of the Forum acted as Moderator, and presentations were made by Njuma Ekundanayo, Vice-Chairperson of the Forum; Kyung-wha Kang, Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women; Stella Tamang, Chairperson of the International Indigenous Women's Caucus; and Fanny Pocatererra, on behalf of Noeli Pocatererra, Second Vice-President of the National Assembly of Venezuela.
3. At the same meeting, the Forum engaged in an interactive dialogue, and interventions were made by the following members of the Forum: Qin Xiaomei, Mililani Trask and Fortunato Turpo Choquehuanca.
4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the observers for the following countries and organizations: International Indigenous Women's Caucus; United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); Australia; Caucus de Mujeres Indigenas de America Latina y el Caribe; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Canada and Africa Region.
5. At its 3rd meeting, on 13 May, the Forum continued its discussion on the item and statements were made by the observers for the following countries and organizations: Pacific Caucus, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Chile, Mexico, Native Women's Association of Canada/Assembly of First Nations, Denmark, Enlace Continental de Mujeres Indigenas.
6. At the same meeting, statements were made by the following members of the Forum: Otila Lux de Coti, Njuma Ekundanayo, Marcos Matias Alonso, Antonio Jacanamijoy, Parshuram Tamang, Ida Nicolaisen.
7. At its 4th meeting, on 11 May, the Forum concluded its discussion on the item and statements were heard from the following observers: Indonesia, Bangladesh Indigenous People's Forum, Asian Indigenous Women Network, International Indigenous Women's Caucus, Tetuwan Oyate, Maasai Women for Education and

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2002, Supplement No. 23 (E/2002/43/Rev.1).*

² *Ibid., 2003, Supplement No. 23 (E/2003/43).*

Economic Development, Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee, Confederación de Comunidades Campesinas y Nativas de Perú, Association of Indigenous Village Leaders in Suriname, Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation, Comunidad de Estudiantes de las Primeras Naciones de America, Asian Indigenous and Tribal People Network, Zeliangrong Women's Union, Mejlis of Crimean Tatar People, IPPAC/Tamaynut, Anywaa Survival Organization, International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs, Defensoria de la Mujer Indígena de Guatemala, Sherpa Association of Nepal, Defensoria de los Pueblos Indígenas del Ecuador en America, Peace Campaign Group, Clan Star, the Institute for Indigenous People, Samson Cree Nation, International Organization of Indigenous Resource Development.

8. At the same meeting, representatives of the Inter-Agency Support Group and the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations also made statements.

Action taken by the Forum

9. At its ____ meetings, on 21 May, the Forum adopted its draft recommendations on item 3 (E/C.19/2004/L.3) (see chap. I, sect. B) and took note of the Chairperson's summary of the discussions of the high-level panel on the item (E/C.19/2004/L.2).

Chapter IV Mandated areas

1. The Forum considered item 4 of its agenda at its 3rd to 14th, and ____ meetings, from 11 to 19 and on 21 May 2004.

A. Education

2. At its 3rd meeting, on 11 May, the Forum considered sub-item 4 (f) and presentations were made by the following panellists: Qin Xiaomei, member of the Forum; Tove Skutnabb-Kangas, Department of Languages and Culture, University of Roskilde, Denmark; Abo Akademi, Department of Education, Vasa, Finland; Linda King, Section for Education for Peace and Human Rights, UNESCO. The Chairperson also made a statement on the sub-item.

3. Statements were made by the following observers: UNICEF; First Nations North and South; Erica-Irene Daes, Special Rapporteur of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.

4. At its 4th meeting, on 11 May, statements on the item were made by the following observers: Indigenous Women's Caucus, Ecuador, Pacific Caucus.

5. At its 5th meeting, on 12 May, the Forum concluded its discussion of the item and heard statements by the following observers: United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), Canada, New Zealand, Consejo Nacional de Mujeres Indígenas del Ecuador, Mexico, Integrante de la Coordinadora Nacional de Mujeres Indígenas de Mexico, Chile, Boarding School Healing Project, Venezuela, Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus, Guatemala, Khmers Kampuchea-

Krom Federation, African Indigenous Women Organization, Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepard, Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs, Awaete Kaiwa Guarani Nhandeva, Mejlis of Crimean Tatar People, Saami Council, Inuit Circumpolar Conference, International Youth Caucus, Kamakakuokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies, Ogiek Rural Integral Projects/Ogiek People's Development Program, Land is Life, Consultoria de los Pueblos Indigenas en el Norte de Mexico, Enlace Continental de Mujeres Indigenas, IPPAC/Tamaynut, Mbororo Social Cultural and Development Association, Nacionalidad Zapara del Ecuador, Haudenosaunee Six Nations and Consejo Indio de Sud America, Aymara Artist Organization, Asociación Indígena Salvadoreña.

6. At the same meeting, the following members of the Forum made statements: Willie Littlechild, Marcos Matias Alonso, Fortunato Turpo Choquehuanca, Ida Nicolaisen.

B. Culture

7. At its 6th meeting, on 12 May, the Forum considered sub-item 4 (e) and statements were made by the following observers: UNDP, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), UN-HABITAT, Finland, American Indian Law Association/Seventh Generation Fund, Mexico, Montagnard Foundation, Flying Eagle Women, International Indigenous Women's Caucus, Conseil des Innus du Nitassinan, Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus, Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation, African Indigenous Women Organization, Te Runanga o NGAI TAHU/Treaty Tribes Coalition, RAPA-NUI Parliament, International Youth Caucus, Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism and Na Koa Ikaika o Ka Lahui Hawaii/Asian Indigenous Village Leaders in Suriname/International Indian Treaty Council/Indigenous Youth Caucus/Rapa Nui Parliament/The Traditional Circle of Indian Elders and Youth/Call of the Earth/Concerned Women for Peace for Sudan/African Indigenous Women's Organization/Indigenous Information Network/Kamakakuokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies, Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action, Hawaii Caucus, Saami Council and Inuit Circumpolar Conference, Pacific Concerns Resource Center/Bangsa Adat Alifuru, Dewan Adat Papua/Ilio 'ulaokalani Coalition/Prince Kujio Hawaiian Civic Club/The Koani Foundation/Rapa Nui Parliament/Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu/Te Rapunga o Poutama/Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission/National Association for Community Legal Centres/National Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation/Presentation Association/World Council of Churches/Bureau of Consultation for West Papua Indigenous Community Development.

8. At the same meeting, the Chairperson made a statement and the following members of the Forum also made statements: Otila Lux de Coti, Willie Littlechild, Mililani Trask, Wayne Lord.

9. At its 7th meeting, on 13 May, the Forum continued its discussion of the item and heard statements by the following observers: Pacific Caucus, Guatemala, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, Viet Nam, Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, Servicios en Comunicación Intercultural, FAO, Conclave de America Latina, Defensoria de los Pueblos Indigenas del Ecuador en America,

Taymaynut/IPACC, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum, Tebtebba Foundation, World Hmong Peoples' Congress, Asociacion de Cabildos Indígenas del Norte del Cauca, Asian Indigenous Caucus, Conclave de Pueblos Indígenas de Brasil.

10. The following members of the Forum made statements: Njuma Ekundanayo, Marcos Matias Alonso, Ayitegan Kouevi, Parshuram Tamang, Ida Nicolaisen.

11. At its 8th meeting, on 13 May, the Forum concluded its discussion of the item and heard statements by the following observers: La Red Xicana Indígena/International Network of Indigenous Women, Norway, Enlace Continental de Mujeres de Sudamerica, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, First Nation North and South, Armenian Sisters, Consejo Indio de Sudamérica, Gambella Development Agency, Consejo Nacional de la Cultura Nahuatl de Mexico.

C. Human rights

12. At its 8th meeting, on 13 May, the Forum considered sub-item 4 (d) and heard statements by the following observers: Indonesia, Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordination Committee, Habitat Pro Association, National Aboriginal Women Association, Femmes autochtones du Québec, Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus, Conive-Red de Mujeres Indígenas Wayuu de Venezuela/Segunda Vice-Presidenta de la República Bolivariana Venezuela, World Hmong Peoples Congress, Unissons-nous pour la promotion des Batwa, Bangsa Adat Alifuru/'Ililo 'ulaokalani Coalition/Prince Kujio Hawaiian Civic Club/The Koani Foundation/Rapa Nui Parliament/Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu/Te Rapunga o Poutama/Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission/National Association for Community Legal Centres/National Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation/Presentation Association/World Council of Churches/Bureau of Consultation for West Papua Indigenous Community Development, Te Runanga o NGAI TAHU/Treaty Tribes Coalition, Peace Campaign Group, Consejo de Pueblos Nahuas del Alto Balsas Guerrero, Feminist Alliance for International Action, and Bawm Literatura Forum.

13. At the same meeting, the following members of the Forum made statements: Ayitegan Kouevi, Willie Littlechild.

14. At its 9th meeting, on 14 May, an interactive dialogue was conducted between the panellists Yakin Erturk, Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women and Erica-Irene Daes, Special Rapporteur of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, and the following members of the Forum: Ayitegan Kouevi, Fortunato Turpo Choquehuanca, Willie Littlechild, Mililani Trask, Marcos Matias Alonso, Otila Lux de Coti.

15. At the same meeting, the Forum heard statements by the following observers: Canada, Pacific Concerns Resource Center, Montagnard Foundation Inc., American Indian Law Alliance, Finland, International Labour Organization (ILO), Bangsa Adat Alifuru, Democratic Republic of the Congo, African Indigenous Women Organization, Conclave de los Pueblos Indígenas de America del Sud, New Zealand, Asamblea Nacional Indígena Plural por la Autonomía, Internacional Native Tradicional Interchange, Conclave de Pueblos Indígenas de Brasil, Grand Council of the Cree, Native Women's Association of Canada, Asian Indigenous Caucus.

16. At its 10th meeting, on 14 May, another presentation was made by the following panellist: Marisela Padron, Director, Latin American and Caribbean Division, United Nations Population Fund.

17. At the same meeting, the Forum heard statements by the following observers: CONAIE-ECUARUNARI, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum, International Indigenous Women Caucus, International Treaty Council, Brazil, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum/Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati/Jumma Peoples' Network/Trinamul/Taungya and Bawm Literature Forum, Norway, Saami Council and Inuit Circumpolar Conference, Colombia/Nukak Maku, Na Koa Ikaika o Ka Lahui Hawaii/Ka Lahui Hawaii/Ilio ulaokalani Coalition/Kamakakuokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies, Consultoria de los Pueblos Indígenas en el Norte de Mexico, Organizacion Regional de las Mujeres Indígenas/Confederación Nacional de Comunidades Campesinas y Nativas del Perú/Asociación de Mujeres Aymaras/Asociación de Mujeres Quechua Ayllu del Perú, Centre d'accompagnement des autochtones pygmées et minoritaires vulnérables, Indigenous World Association, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, Rapanui Parliament, Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network, Organizacion Nacional Indígena de Colombia, Mbororo Social Cultural and Development Association, Foundation for Indigenous Americans of Anasazi Heritage, Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action, Community Action and Research for Development, Sami Parliamentary Council, Indigenous Parliament of the Americas, Partnership for Indigenous Peoples Environment, Clan Star, Movimiento Indígena del Perú, and the Association of Nepalese Indigenous Journalists.

18. At the same meeting, the following members of the Forum also made statements: Zinaida Strogalschikova, Ida Nicolaisen.

19. At its 11th meeting, on 17 May, the Chairperson made a statement. Presentations were also made by the following panellists: Rodolfo Stavenhagen, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people; Miguel Alfonso Martinez, Chairperson/Rapporteur, Working Group on Indigenous Populations.

20. At the same meeting, the Forum concluded its discussion of the item and heard statements by the following observers: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Innu Council of Nitassinan, Caucus de los Pueblos Indígenas de la Amazonia Ecuatoriana, Chile, International Indigenous Youth Caucus, Guatemala, United States of America, Indigenous Caucus on the World Bank and other Multilateral Development Banks, Mexico, Russian Federation, Delegación de los Pueblos Indígenas de Bolivia, Working Group on Armed Conflict Indigenous Caucus, North American Indigenous Caucus, Sherpa Association of Nepal.

21. At the same meeting, the following members of the Forum made statements: Parshuram Tamang, Antonio Jacanamijoy, Ayitegan Kouevi, Otila Lux de Coti, Ida Nicolaisen, Marcos Matias Alonso, Mililani Trask, Wayne Lord, Fortunato Turpo Choquehuanca, Yuji Iwasawa.

D. Economic and social development

22. At the 12th meeting, on 18 May, the Forum considered sub-item 4 (a) and heard statements by the following observers: United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), Denmark/Greenland Home Rule Government, Pacific Concerns Resource Center/Bangsa Adat Alifuru/Dewan Adat Papua/Na Koa Ikaika o Ka Lahui Hawaii/Rapa Nui Parliament/Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu/Ngati Tuwharetoa/Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission/Foundation for Association of Community Legal Centres/National Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation/World Council of Churches, Te Runanga o NGAI TAHU, Canada, Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus, UNDP, New Zealand, Asian Indigenous Caucus, Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat, Mexico, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples' Forum/Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti/Jumma Peoples' Network/Trinamul/Taungya/Bawm Literatura Forum, ILO, Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), World Bank, Innu Council of Nitassinan, Indigenous Youth, Saami Council/Inuit Circumpolar Conference, Maasai Women Development Organization/Manyoito Pastoralist Integrated Development Organization, IPACC/Taymaynut, Enlace Continental de Mujeres Indígenas, Conclave Indígena de los Pueblos Indígenas de América, Transnational Radical Party, Indigenous Connectivity Survey, Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation, RAIPON, Italy, Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People/Ogoni Volunteer Indigenous Humanitarian Organization, Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs, African Indigenous Women Organization, Foundation for Aboriginal And Islander Research Action.

23. At the same meeting, statements were made by the following members of the Forum: Antonio Jacanamijoy, Fortunato Turpo Choquehuanca, Willie Littlechild.

E. Environment

24. At the 13th meeting, on 18 May, the Forum considered sub-item 4 (b) and heard statements by the following observers: UNEP, Myanmar, Association of Iroquois/Allied Indians, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, International Indian Treaty Council/Consejo Indio de Sud América/United Confederation of Taino People/Consejo General de Tainos Borincanos, Division of Sustainable Development of DESA, Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus, Guatemala, Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs/Indigenous Network on Economies and Trade, Asia Caucus, Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples' Forum/Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti/Jumma Peoples' Network/Trinamul/Taungya/Bawm Literatura Forum, International Indigenous Women Caucus/Indigenous Women's Biodiversity Network, Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People/Ogoni Volunteer Indigenous Humanitarian Organization, Land is Life/Nacionalidad Zapara del Ecuador y ONHAE, Saami Council/Inuit Circumpolar Conference, Consejo de Todas las Tierras/Asociación Gremial de Pequeños Artesanos Mapuche/Tebtebba Foundation, Conclave de Pueblos Indígenas de Brasil, Enlace Continental de Mujeres Indígenas, Indian Confederation of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples North-East Zone/Bodo Land Territorial Council, Caucus Regional de America Latina, Haudenosaunne Ska-Roh-Reh/International Native Tradition Interchange, Centre d'accompagnement des

autochtones pygmées et minoritaires vulnérables/Action d'appui pour la Protection des minoritaires d'Afrique centrale/Programme d'intégration et de développement des peuples pygmées au KIVU/Union pour l'émancipation de la femme autochtone/Action chrétienne pour la promotion des défavorisées, Indigenous Youth Caucus, UNDP, Pacific Concerns Resource Center/Bangsa Adat Alifuru/Dewan Adat Papua/Na Koa Ikaika o Ka Lahui Hawaii/Rapa Nui Parliament/Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu/Ngati Tuwharetoa/Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission/Foundation for Association of Community Legal Centres/National Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation/World Council of Churches, Ka Lahui Hawaii/Iloaokalani Coalition/Prince Kehui Hawaiian Civic Club/Kamakakuokalani Center for Hawaii Studies/Waikiki Hawaiian Civic Club, South Asia Indigenous Women Forum, Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation, First Nations North and South.

25. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the following member of the Forum: Parshuram Tamang.

F. Health

26. At the 14th meeting, on 19 May, the Forum began its consideration of sub-item 4 (c). Presentations were made by the following panellists: Mililani Trask, Vice-Chairperson of the Forum, Siri Damman, University of Oslo, Norway.

27. At the same meeting, statements were made by the following observers: Pan American Health Organization (Regional Office of WHO), Association of Iroquois/Allied Indians, Canada, Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus, Mexico, African Indigenous Women Organization/African Indigenous Peoples Caucus on Health, Nepal, Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation, Indigenous Peoples Caucus, Guatemala, WHO, Foundation for Aboriginal And Islander Research Action/National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organization/World Council of Churches, Concern Women Action for Peace/Maasai Women Development Organization/Indigenous Information Network, Enlace Continental de Mujeres Indígenas, Association Tunfa/TARA, Conclave Indígena de los Pueblos Indígenas de América, Conclave de Pueblos Indígenas de Brasil, Jay College of Criminal Justice/Proyecto de la Memoria Histórica, Dirección Nacional de Salud de los Pueblos Indígenas/CONAIE/ECUARUNARI/CONMIE/FENOCIN, Association of Shor Peoples/RAIPON, Centre d'accompagnement des autochtones pygmées et minoritaires vulnérables/Action d'appui pour la protection des minoritaires d'Afrique centrale/Programme d'intégration et de développement des peuples pygmées au KIVU/Union pour l'émancipation de la femme autochtone/Action chrétienne pour la promotion des défavorisées, Tebtebba Foundation/Asia Indigenous Women Network/Cordillera People's Alliance, Pacific Concerns Resource Center/Bangsa Adat Alifuru/Dewan Adat Papua/Na Koa Ikaika o Ka Lahui Hawaii/Rapa Nui Parliament/Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu/Ngati Tuwharetoa/Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission/Foundation for Association of Community Legal Centres/National Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation/World Council of Churches, Asian Indigenous Peoples Caucus, Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs/Indigenous Network on Economies and Trade, Consejo Regional Indígena del Guaviare Cgrigua II, Internacional Native Traditional Interchange, Red de Mujeres Indígenas Wayuu, Foundation for Indigenous Americans of Anasasi Heritage, Rapa-Nui Parliament.

28. The following members of the Forum made statements: Ayitegan Kouevi, Otila Lux de Coti, Wilton Littlechild, Ida Nicolaisen.

Action taken by the Forum

29. At its ____ meeting, on 21 May, the Forum, in adopting the draft recommendations submitted under agenda item 4 (a) to (f), identified a number of proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action, and, through the Economic and Social Council, requested States, the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations, indigenous peoples, the private sector and NGOs to assist in their implementation (see chap. I.B).

Chapter VI

Future work of the Forum

[To be completed]

Chapter VII

Provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Forum

[To be completed]

Chapter VIII

Adoption of the report of the Forum on its third session

1. At the ____ meeting, on 21 May, the Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Forum on its third session (E/C.19/2003/L.____).
2. At the same meeting, the Forum adopted its report on its third session.

Chapter IX

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Forum held its third session at United Nations Headquarters from 10 to 21 May 2004. It held 18 formal meetings (1st to 18th) and a number of informal meetings.
2. At the 1st meeting, on 10 May, the session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat. During the inauguration ceremony, the floor was given to the Tadodaho Chief and Elder.
3. At the same meeting, a statement was made by Ole Henrik Magga, Chairperson of the Forum.
4. Also at the same meeting, the Secretary-General made a statement.

5. At the same meeting, the President of the Economic and Social Council made a statement, and representatives of the indigenous women delivered a special message.

6. Also at the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

7. At the same meeting, the observer for the Russian Federation made a statement.

B. Attendance

8. Members of the Forum and representatives of Governments, United Nations bodies and intergovernmental organizations, as well as of non-governmental organizations and indigenous organizations, attended the session. The list of participants is contained in annex I.

C. Election of officers

9. At its 1st meeting, on 10 May, the Forum elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chairperson

Ole Henrik Magga

Vice-Chairpersons

Njuma Ekundanayo

Antonio Jacanamijoy

Parshuram Tamang

Mililani Trask

Rapporteur

Wilton Littlechild

D. Agenda

10. At its 1st meeting, on 10 May, the Forum adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/C.19/2004/1, which read:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Substantive theme: "Indigenous women".
4. Mandated areas:
 - (a) Economic and social development;
 - (b) Environment;
 - (c) Health;
 - (d) Human rights;

- (e) Culture;
- (f) Education.
- 5. Future work of the Forum.
- 6. Provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Forum.
- 7. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its third session.

E. Documentation

- 11. The list of documents before the Forum at its third session is contained in annex II.
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